## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Docket No. 2011-016

Cause No. 222-15

IN THE MATTER OF THE DIVISION OF OIL,
GAS, AND MINING'S NOTICE OF AGENCY

ACTION FOR AN ORDER FORFEITING TO THE

STATE OF UTAH ALL INTEREST IN THE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT #9398350612,

#9398350620, #9398350596, AND

#9398350604 BEING HELD BY WELLS FARGO

BANK FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF UTAH AS SURETY FOR THE PLUGGING AND

ABANDONMENT OF THE FOLLOWING WELLS

OPERATED BY NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY,

LLC: SVA UNIT #23-33-2119, STATE MSC 35-1, CACTUS ROSE MSC 2-1, AND CACTUS

Rose 16-11-2118; ALL IN GRAND COUNTY,

Utah

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Board"), State of Utah, will conduct a hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011, at 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Uintah Basin Applied Technology College, Multipurpose Room, 450 North 2000 West, Vernal, Utah.

The hearing will be conducted as a formal administrative adjudication in accordance with the rules of the Board as set forth in Utah Administrative Code R641 et seq. and as provided for in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 et seq. and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-101 through 601.

The purpose of the hearing will be for the Board to receive testimony and evidence regarding a Notice of Agency Action that the Board enter an Order:

- 1. Forfeiting all interest in and ownership of the Certificates of Deposits provided as bonds for the SVA Unit #23-33-2119 well, State MSC 35-1 well, Cactus Rose MSC 2-1 well, and the Cactus Rose 16-11-21182 well, to the Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining; and
- 2. Order and direct Wells Fargo Bank to deliver to the Division the full face value of the amount for each CD as shown above to be used by the Division to plug the wells and restore the sites as required by the Division's rules; and

- 3. Direct the Division to proceed to use these funds to effect the plugging of the wells and the restoration of the sites to the standards required by the Division's rules; and
- 4. Providing such other relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

Objections to the Request for Agency Action must be filed with the Secretary of the Board at the address listed below no later than the 10th day of the month, or two weeks before the scheduled hearing, whichever is earlier. A party must file a timely written objection or other response in order to participate as a party at the Board hearing.

Natural persons may appear and represent themselves before the Board. All other representation by parties before the Board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, or attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction which meet the rules of the Utah State Bar for practicing law before the Utah Courts.

Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant to the procedural rules of the Board. The Request for Agency Action, and any subsequent pleadings, may be inspected at the office of the undersigned.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this hearing should call Julie Ann Carter at (801) 538-5277, at least three working days prior to the hearing date.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2011.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING James T. Jensen, Chairman

/s/Julie Ann Carter

Secretary to the Board

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING for Docket No. 2011-016, Cause No. 222-15 to be mailed with postage prepaid, this  $31^{51}$  day of August, 2011, to the following:

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I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING for Docket No. 2011-016, Cause No. 222-15 to be PUBLISHED in the following newspapers on the following days:

# September 5, 2011:

<u>The Salt Lake Tribune</u> and <u>Deseret Morning News</u>, newspapers of general circulation in Salt Lake City and County.

#### September 8, 2011:

<u>The Times Independent</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties.

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